Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., March 21st, 1879.

Sir;

I have received your letter of the 19th instant, stating that it will be necessary to procure an appropriation of Ten thousand (*10.000) dollars, to supply a deficiency in the appropriation for the Contingent expenses of your Mint for the current fiscal year. I have also received your telegram of the 20th instant, stating that "If the act authorizing the coinage of the Standard "Silver dollar, and to restore its legal tender character, would give "authority to pay for Copper used in alloying standard silver "dollars no deficiency would have to be provided for."

A. Loudon Snowden Esq

Superintendent &c.

Philadelphia Pa.

In

RG104 E-1 Box 116

In reply. I have to say that the act making appropriations for the Legislative, Executive, and Judicial expenses for the current Fiscal year approved June 19. 1878. contains the following provision, viz: "But in no event shall the expenditures of said Mints "and Assay Offices exceed the amount of the specific appropriations "herein made for the same".

Shortly after the commencement of the present Fiscal year, the question as to whether the copper used in the alloy of the silver dollars, could not be paid for, from the appropriation contained in the 1st section of the act authorizing the coinage of the standard dollars, was submitted verbally to the First Comptroller of the Treasury, who decided that under the provision of the Legislative Executive, and Judicial bill for the current Fiscal year, that the mints must be limited in their expenditures to the specific amounts appropriated.

An appropriation of Ten thousand (10,000) dollars will therefore

RG104 E-1 Box 116

be requested to supply the deficiency in the appropriation for contingent expenses of your Mint during the current fiscal year.

I am Sir, very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Acting Director.

RG104 E-1 Box 116

75.

A. D. C.

R. E. Preston

March 21/79

Specific appro
for current fiscal
year cannot be
expended. Standard
dollar appro can-
-not be used to buy
Copper for alloy.

A deficiency ap-
-propriation of $10,000.
will be applied for.

Rec'd March 22/79

RG104 E-1 Box 116

325

NARA RG104, Entry 1, Box 116

[Abstract:] Specific app. for current fiscal year cannot be exceeded… 75

C 3/22

Treasury Department,
Office of the Director of the Mint,
Washington, D.C.,
March 21, 1879

Sir:

I have received your letters of the 19th instant, stating that it would be necessary to procure an appropriation of Ten thousand ($10,000) dollars, to supply a deficiency in the appropriation for the contingent expenses of your Mint for the current Fiscal year. I have also received your telegram of the 20th instant, stating that "If the act authorizing the coinage of the standard "silver dollar, and to restore its legal tender character, would give "authority to pay for copper used in alloying standard silver "dollars no deficiency would have to be provided for".

In reply, I have to say that the act making appropriations for the Legislative Executive, and Judicial expenses for the current Fiscal year approved June 19, 1878, contains the following provision, viz: "But in no event shall the expenditures of said Mints "and Assay Offices exceed the amount of the specific appropriations "herein made for the same".

Shortly after the commencement of the present Fiscal year, the question as to whether the copper used in the alloy of the silver dollar, could not be paid for, from the appropriation contained in the 1st section of the act authorizing the coinage of the standard dollars, was submitted verbally to the First Comptroller of the Treasury, who decided that under the provision of the Legislative Executive, and Judicial bill for the current Fiscal year, that the Mints must be limited in their expenditures to the specific amounts appropriated.

An appropriation of Ten thousand ($10,000) dollars will therefore be requested to supply the deficiency in the appropriation for contingent expenses of your Mint during the current Fiscal year.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
R.E. Preston
Acting Director.